

ORLEANS

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Pace, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pace spent Sunday with relatives in Belding.

Mrs. Rollo Young and children returned Friday after visiting friends in Iowa.

Mrs. Wilkinson of Adrian is visiting her son, Dr. A. E. Wilkinson and family.

Twenty-three ladies from here attended the L. O. T. M. county convention at Ionia last week. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Comstock of Shiloh spent last week with their daughter, Mrs. Guy Hoppough and family of East Orleans.

Ralph Rhodes of Ionia spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bentley of Grand Lodge were Sunday guests of the former's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kennedy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Miss Eleanor Martin of Lansing spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schultz spent Sunday with Mrs. Madia Schultz and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strong of Detroit were Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Comstock of Ronald took Thursday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wardrop.

Mrs. Jones of Grand Rapids is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dave Treynor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. York called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin of Grattan and other friends in Belding. They found all who were ill better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Donaldson of East Otisco called on friends here Sunday. Wm. Beach and son Clyde were in Grand Rapids on business Friday.

D. C. Wilbur has given his residence a new coat of paint which is a big improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Morgan and family returned from Remus Monday. They visited their son, Ernie and family.

Mrs. Sue Palmer was in Belding last week.

Lucille Bright of Shiloh visited her father, Frank Bright last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Geisen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Treynor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Kitson of Bostwick lake.

Greenville relatives and friends were entertained at the J. M. York home Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Olmstead was an over Sunday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Alden Rowley and family.

The agent for the Michigan Mutual Tornado and Cyclone and Windstorm Insurance company of Hastings was here last week and adjusted the damage for Earl Alderman, Levi Howe and others who had buildings injured by the hard windstorm of a on the Branch side.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Faude and children spent several days last week on the Branch side.

Miss Leitch is settled in her cottage, "Vacation Days" for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Faude and Mrs. C. Bigelow are spending several days in the Faude cottage.

Dr. A. L. Smith and wife and Otis Cook and wife spent Thursday here. Clarence Reynolds entertained M. C. Mitchell, Jim Vipond and Gus Penders in his cottage, "Linger Longer" over Sunday. They brought in a fine string of perch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirschman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirschman and little daughter spent Sunday in the Kirschman cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Longwell had as their guests over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Cotton and daughter, Lola. Habermump and family were up for Sunday.

Frank Heth and daughter, Eleanor, were up from Grand Rapids Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graff and little daughter spent Sunday with Grandpa Lambertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Foss Eldred and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buck spent Sunday in their cottages.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Snow and daughter, Zava, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Horri-gan and daughter, Helena were the guests of Mrs. Mary Idlebus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherman, Elliott Millard and little girl, Merline, were over for Sunday.

Jeff Way, Frank Way and family spent Sunday in their cottage.

M. McDowell spent Saturday afternoon at the lake and as usual took home a nice bunch of perch and bluegills.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer and son, Gordon, and Mrs. E. W. Merriett motored up to the lake Sunday.

The juniors of Ionia high school entertained the seniors at a fine banquet Friday evening in Heth's pavilion. Mrs. Heth catered. Mrs. Roy Burger and Glenn Morse furnished the music. The party was chaperoned by the faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brockway formed a fishing party last Sunday.

OTISCO ITEMS

Serge. Milo Abbott and friend, Serg. Barber of Camp Custer and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Keene visited at P. L. Reeves' Sunday.

Allan Kimberly of Ionia spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kimberly.

Mrs. Lawrence Gephart and two children visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fisk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reeves and son Howard visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Belding Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sykes of Easton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse Saturday and Sunday.

R. W. Belding and family Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oersch visited Sunday at Day Holcomb's, near Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Morse, Mrs. Emily Morse and Mrs. J. L. Morse visited Mrs. A. R. Locke in Ionia on Thursday.

Mrs. F. L. Reeves spent a part of last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Abbott at Howard City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Belding and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbard were in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Storey made business trips to Grand Rapids both Thursday and Friday.

Dorothy and Milan Reeves visited from Friday until Sunday with their cousins, Carleton and Thelma Reeves, of Orleans.

Archie Swears returned home Tuesday night from Shiloh. His father, Martin Swears came with him and stayed until Wednesday.

Mrs. Libbie Ransom of near Wood's Corners is visiting a few days with Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Miss Winifred Werner came Monday from Ionia where she has been teaching the past year. Her mother, Mrs. H. Werner, who is in the hospital is improving, which all are glad to hear. Miss Werner is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips of Ionia were Sunday callers at J. L. Morse's.

Mrs. Geo. Brown visited Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Fisk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reeves and son Howard, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbard were Sunday afternoon callers at John Reeves' in Orleans.

W. L. Hoover and son Claude went to Luther last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Hoover's brother, who died very suddenly.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Eggleston went to Meosota for the week end to visit their daughter, Mrs. Howard Morton.

Miss Ethel Brown spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Davis of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lunn and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jenks went to Courtland last Sunday.

The Red Cross workers of Ashley neighborhood will meet next week Thursday, June 6, with Mrs. Ambrose Alchin. Be sure to come.

Jesse Jones of Greenville, who is known in this vicinity, goes to Camp Custer this week.

O. B. Curtis of Edmore came Monday to help his father-in-law, E. R. Wise, a few days with his farm work. Mrs. Wise accompanied him home Wednesday night for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Curtis.

H. D. Ogden called on his sister, Mrs. E. B. Wise a little while Tuesday. Owen Lillie is able to be out a little after being confined to the house a couple of weeks with tonsillitis.

Mrs. Sarah Galloway spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Austin and children were Sunday callers at E. B. Wise's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green went to Grand Rapids Saturday to visit their children and returned home Monday night.

Howard Copeland has mumps.

Miss Agnes Miller is going to have a box social at the schoolhouse Friday night, May 31 for the benefit of the Red Cross. Everybody come and help the good cause.

Ralph Green of Detroit is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

SMYRNA

Mrs. Ida Shaw went to Detroit for a week's visit with her daughter, Myrtle.

Roy Douglas, who is working in Alma, is home for a few days' visit with his parents at Bartonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Hanks and Mrs. Brink of the Brink neighborhood were callers at the home of M. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks Tuesday.

Ed. Insley and wife, Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Winslow were over near Sunfield Sunday visiting Mrs. Barry's brother, E. J. Downing and family and also fixing up their lot at the cemetery.

Mrs. Russell was married 60 years last Monday and has lived on the farm here for 60 years.

The many friends of Fred Condon were shocked to learn of his death last week.

Mrs. Eva Caswell of Six Lakes is the guest this week of her mother, Mrs. Albert Northway and sister, Mrs. Herbert McNeve.

Eighteen of the Lady Maccabees of meeting held in Ionia last week. A Smyrna have attended the Ionia county lovely dinner was served at noon and one of the finest programs ever given at the county association was enjoyed in the afternoon. Twenty-eight of the ladies of West Side live Grand Rapids, were present and gave a fine drill. They were costumed to represent Uncle Sam and the allies and even had "Gert" with them. The next regular meeting will be held in Orleans some time in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bignell and two children of Detroit and Mrs. Olive Winslow of Stanton were guests last week at the home of Ed. Insley and Milo Dicken.

The dance held at the new Gleaner hall in Moseley last Saturday night was well attended. All report good time.

Fred Purdy and wife of Belding were guests of their mother, Mrs. Helen Purdy.

Mrs. Carrie Harris and Mrs. Lottie Compton are assisting Mrs. Clate E. Ker with her housecleaning.

There will be a dance at the Maccabee hall Smyrna Friday night, June 7. Hale's orchestra will furnish the music and the Red Cross auxiliary will put up the supper. Red Cross benet. All come.

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobb visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilby Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sager of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert visited their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hopkins and family Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hulbert and two children visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sunday.

The Brink school opened Monday after several weeks' vacation owing to scarlet fever. There are yet four pupils under quarantine.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick motored to Ronald last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Steadman.

Miss Louise Wright visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snow Sunday.

Little Miss Margaret Shattuck visited her mother and other relatives Saturday and Sunday in Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips and Mrs. Soules and son Lawton and Miss Floeie Milner motored down Sunday afternoon after her. She makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phill.

She is one of the lucky children to get such a good home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick are under quarantine with scarlet fever.

Chas. Hathaway of Alma visited Clarence Snow and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Kilburn visited her son Milo Town and family Sunday and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Albert Town and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burns and child visited there.

W. E. Leach and Geo. Wilby were callers at M. L. Howe's Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chickering and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Town and son, Hubert, motored to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loverin's in Orleans Friday evening.

Eleven months ago, Saturday, May 25, Mrs. M. L. Howe was hurt and she can't walk a step nor stand alone and sees nothing in the future but to suffer and spend her days in the invalid chair, a hard punishment to one 69 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leach were callers at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilby's Monday afternoon.

Denzel Snow helped J. D. Strain spray his orchard Monday.

The Red Cross of the Brink district organized an auxiliary at Mrs. Clyde Cooper's. There were 12 ladies present. They did some sewing. The officers are: Mrs. Knott Cobb, chairman; Mrs. Dell Cobb, vice chairman; Mrs. Wm. Wilson, secretary-treasurer. The collection was \$20 for which Mrs. Cooper wishes to thank all for their liberality. The next afternoon which was Friday Mrs. Cooper went to homes and got \$7 more. Some of them were men and others women but it shows how patriotic the Brink people are.

Miss Beulah Payne of St. Johns and her friend, Miss Martha Antison visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wingler and children moved to their new home in Lowell last week.

Chris Kropf was in Kalamazoo last Friday visiting his brother, Charles.

Mrs. Chris Kropf and daughter Cora and the Messrs. Weys spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Roy Ford and daughter, John Andrews and family and Miss Edith Malcolm spent Tuesday at the Andrews cottage at the lake.

Messrs. Lee and Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frost, Mrs. Ella Richmond, D. O. Church and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Will Converse spent Sunday at the Lee and Hardy cottage.

Mrs. Herman Hagen and daughter of Ann Arbor are visiting Mrs. Hagen's father, Fred Potruff and son, Leon.

Allen Bennett called on Hosmer Andrews last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bessie Frost, Mrs. Susan Sayles and Helen Andrews attended the Vergennes Ladies' aid at Mrs. Roy Lord's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis and daughter visited at Arthur Anderson's Sunday.

Mrs. John Kropf and son of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown and daughter, Marion of Alto, called on Fred and Chris Kropf and Hosmer Andrews Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Haynes and Mrs. Verle Weeks visited friends in Clarksville over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost and Mrs. Susan Sayles visited at Fred Potruff's Sunday.

OAKFIELD

Remember the exercises at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon, Decoration day.

Mrs. C. L. Bricker received a telegram Saturday morning telling of the death of her brother, who died in Manchester Friday night. She immediately left for there to attend the funeral, accompanied by her son Lloyd.

Mrs. Lawrence Goodale and Miss Elsie Cooley of Mason City, Iowa, have been recent guests of Mrs. J. E. Peterson.

Horace Wood of Oregon and Ace Wood of Grattan made Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman a very pleasant call Thursday.

Children's day will be observed at the M. E. church Sunday morning, June 9.

Mrs. O. A. Derby of Greenville has been a recent guest at George Elaby's.

GRATTAN

Regular meeting of Venus chapter will be held Saturday evening this week. There are candidates and a good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green of Grand Rapids were the Saturday and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bookley.

Jay Norton of Grand Rapids visited his family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Partridge spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orley Emmons.

Miles Clark and mother of Oakfield spent Sunday at Jay Norton's. Claude Norton returned home with them and will assist his uncle on the farm during vacation.

Mrs. Jay Norton and Mrs. Ruth Burbano attended the county association O. E. S. at Grand Rapids Thursday.

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House of Hohenzollern Realizes More and More That America is Nation to be Reckoned With.

Lansing, Mich.—"Patriotism cannot be measured alone in contributions to the Red Cross, Liberty Loan subscriptions, strict compliance with the war time food and fuel regulations, nor even in readiness to serve with the armed forces of Uncle Sam," declared Attorney General Grosbeck of the War Preparedness Board. "In this era of insidious German propaganda, true patriotism often carries with it an imposition of silence."

"Don't permit yourself to be the medium of transmission for rumors and criticisms and false reports which are being spread broadcast in the interests of Prussianism. Anything which tends to break down the morale of the nation, in this great emergency, is more far reaching and far harder to combat than the deadly bombs from German aircraft or the destructive shells the Teutons are slinging into Paris from their wonderful long range artillery. It is not for the average man to distinguish between conscientious criticism and the weapon of the propagandist whose sole duty is to undermine the unity and patriotism of American citizenship. Indeed, after it has been passed along from mouth to mouth, intelligent, conscientious criticism may become so broad and bitter in its terms as to constitute a weapon of immeasurable destructiveness amidst the citizenship of the nation that eventually will be forced to bear the chief responsibility for erasing of Kaiser Bill and all he represents."

"No one realizes more than the House of Hohenzollern that America is the nation to be reckoned with in the final analysis and any little obstacle that can be put in the way of war preparation, any word which will raise a doubt in the minds of American citizens, is deemed more valuable to the German cause than a dozen attacks from the air or sea. Germany has not hesitated to spend millions at a time when she is hard pressed for money, to spread the destructive doctrine of the propagandists throughout the United States. And so it is our duty to check, rather than aid in the spreading of stories that mean such aid and comfort to the enemy that he is willing to pay lavishly from Germany's dwindling treasury while the German people are all but starved and ruthlessly stripped of their resources."

"If it means so much to war-mad Germany, the very least a patriotic American can do is to see that even inadvertently, he is not a party to the spread of this subtle propaganda. The atmosphere is full of rumor. No officer or department of the government has escaped. Even the Red Cross which serves the injured and suffering of both sides in the great war, has not been immune. The government has made mistakes. It has been no small undertaking to transform the world's greatest nation of peace to meet the demands of a life and death war. Great Britain made her mistakes. France has suffered from errors of omission and commission. Even the great German war machine, the product of a generation of painstaking building upon which all the resources of the nation were centered, has gone wrong on more than one important issue having to do with the prosecution of the conflict."

"In France and England, whose very existence depends upon the speedy working out of this great problem of transformation in the United States, they are disposed to be patient. They realize what a problem it is and how beset with difficulties. And certainly the people of the United States, safe at present, at least, from the ruthless blows of the fiendish Hun, can afford to be at least as patient and forbearing in such an emergency as the French and English to whom the coming of the United States might best be likened to the appearance of the surf boat to those clinging to a rapidly sinking ship."

"Any word which tends to create a doubt or a question in the mind of an American citizen as to the purity of purpose of the government is an act of treason. And to pass this word along is only slightly less reprehensible than to start it on its way. It is only too truly being said that: 'It is not only the bullets that win in war.' And so, when some one whispers this or that criticism into your ear, make him prove it. It is only by passing the word along that such rumors as that charging the Red Cross with profiteering in supplies destined for the sick and wounded and starving, ever obtains a foothold. When these stories come along, just bury them. This is one all-important form of patriotism that costs nothing."

"Over in France, the allies grimly are hanging on against odds because they realize America is coming. Each week sees a few more Sammys in the trenches and a few more in the

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organizations behind the points of contact. Our aviators are on the way and our airplanes will be there. Few persons disposed to criticize Uncle Sam for the delay ever stop to think that the greatest problem is the wide expanse of the Atlantic ocean. We are producing the men and munitions now as fast as they can be taken across in ships. And we are bending every energy to the production of ships and the bridling of the deadly submarine. There is no one in authority in our government who is not alive to the necessity for getting aid to the gallant French and English before the gray waves of the Kaiser succeed in breaking through."

"There must be no hampering of the powers at home who are responsible for speeding this assistance on its way. Everyone must do his or her part because we are fighting for our own existence, as well as that of England and France and the other allies. Buy Liberty bonds! Contribute to the Red Cross! Abide by the strict letter of the food and fuel regulations! Enlist, if you are eligible! All these things we must do. They are imperative. But while we are doing the things that look big: the things that

entail sacrifices and sorrow, don't forget that this thoughtless passing of a word here and there may undo much of the work that our sacrifices are seeking to promote.

"Don't be an involuntary German propagandist!"

OAKFIELD

We've had some real summer weather of late with frequent thunder and wind storms which caused much damage.

Fine growing weather though, and Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are very busy putting in the many acres of crops.

Will Deal, Jud Wellman, Charles Dennis and families were Greenville shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Stults returned home from Stanton last week, where she had been to visit a sick sister.

Last week Thursday the ladies of the surrounding vicinity met at the home of Mrs. Tom Jones and organized a Red Cross auxiliary. Mrs. Brewer of Cedar Springs was present to instruct them in the new work. They will meet at the Gleaner hall every two weeks to sew and knit.

Last Saturday a party of young ladies from Belding came to spend the day at the pleasant home of Mrs. Stults.

Last Sunday Milo Peterson and

Will Moore and families visited at the home of Mrs. Stults.

Mrs. Geo. Elliott was the guest of Mrs. Havens Saturday night and Sunday. Bert Havens and daughter, Hazel of Rockford were Sunday evening callers on his mother, Mrs. Havens.

Miss Reba Jones is home after a three weeks' stay with her grandparents in Rockford.

Elmer Hansen tended the grist mill while the proprietor was working in the interest of the recent Red Cross drive.

Jas. Anderson took Michael Tulley to the county hospital at Grand Rapids where he will be cared for as he is a victim of cancer.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors and friends for their financial aid, their kindness and sympathy extended to us during the sickness and bereavement of our beloved daughter and sister and also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Rasmus Hansen and family.

West Otisco Farmers' Club. Remember the next meeting will be an evening meeting June 6 at Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Updike's. Sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served.

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